



# Position Statement for the Recommended Content of the National Address Database (NAD)

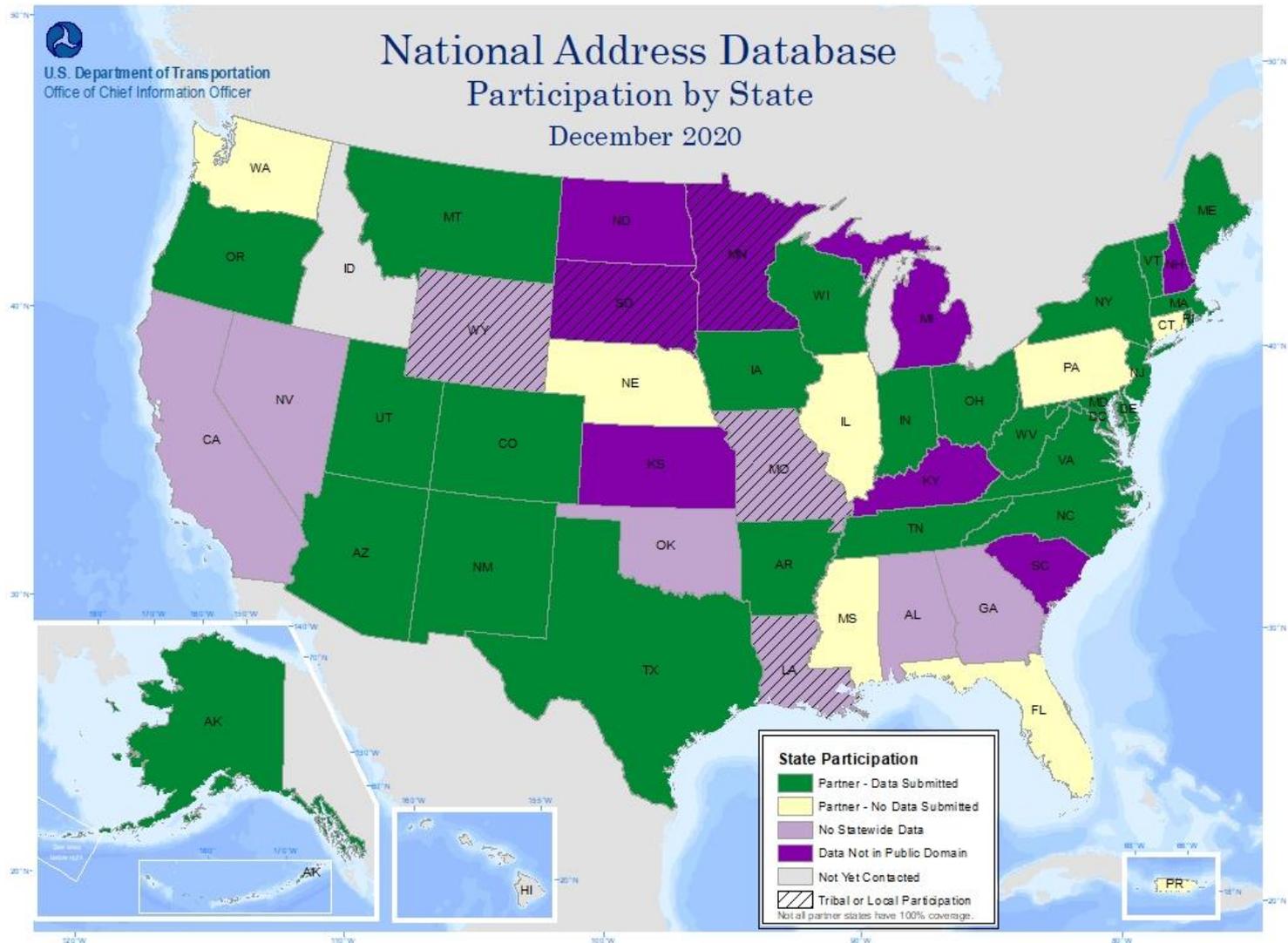
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# National Address Database Participation by State

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# Summary Statement

NSGIC endorses and fully supports the list of attributes contained in the *Recommended Content for the National Address Database (NAD)* document submitted by the Address Content Subgroup of the Address Theme Subcommittee on June 8, 2020.

However, NSGIC **does not** endorse the implied suggestion that the NAD be stored, compiled, or distributed in the FGDC standard. Rather, **we strongly recommend that the NAD utilize and adhere to the *NENA Standard for NG9-1-1 GIS Data Model.***

# Points of Justification

- The NAD is, by nature and constitution, a locally sourced dataset and should adhere to the data standard which best supports local use cases and business drivers.
- Addresses are the responsibility of local government entities and is therefore are the key constituency to accommodate.
- States act as aggregators for these local datasets. The NENA standard facilitates this state-level aggregation.

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- Public safety, i.e., 9-1-1, has become a primary driver for address data. The nationwide progression toward NG911 necessitates the NENA standard.
- Using the NENA standard removes a wasteful ETL step between the NAD's source data and its final composition.
- The NENA standard is already in wide use at state and local levels, and it is expected that as NG911 implementations continue to accelerate across the country.

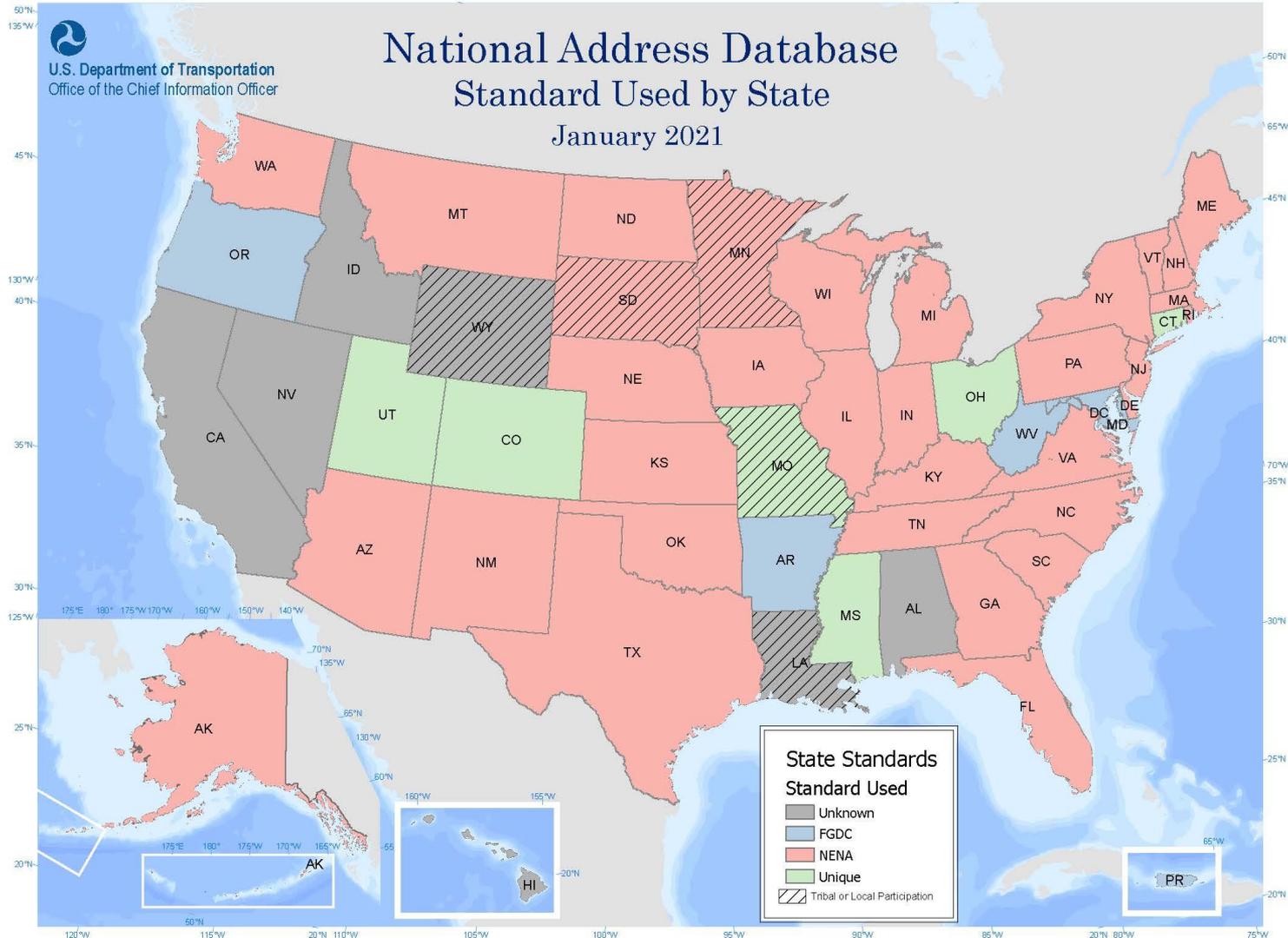


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# National Address Database

## Standard Used by State

January 2021



# Closing Remarks

NSGIC and our member states have a strong, vested stake in the success of the National Address Database. Our “*on the ground*” perspective on the realities of how address datasets are being created and maintained by local governments across the country has informed our recommendation that the NAD adopt the NENA standard for data format.

We appreciate the diligent work of the Address Theme Subcommittee and Workgroups as they advance an important national geospatial data asset, and we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective and recommendation.



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